

Superlatives Short Adjectives

Learn!

Hotel	How much...?	How pretty...?	How many rooms...?
Castle Hotel	\$ 60 USD	*****	20
Great Palace	\$ 80 USD	****	15
Blue Lake Hotel	\$ 75 USD	*	40
River Hotel	\$ 45 USD	***	35

River Hotel is **the cheapest** hotel downtown.

Castle Hotel is **the prettiest** hotel downtown.

Great Palace Hotel is **the smallest** one.

Blue Lake Hotel is **the biggest** hotel downtown.

Work it out!

1 Write the letter to complete the rules.

To compare three or more objects, people or places we use the: ____.

To short adjectives in superlative form, we add: ____.

With adjectives ending in *y*, we eliminate *y* and add: ____.

We double the last consonant to form the superlative when the adjective ends in: ____.

Before the adjectives in superlative form, we use the article: ____.

- a. the
- b. a vowel + a consonant
- c. *-iest*
- d. superlative form
- e. *-est*

Use!

1 Write the superlative form of the adjectives.

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| a. happy _____ | e. long _____ |
| b. young _____ | f. easy _____ |
| c. old _____ | g. short _____ |
| d. nice _____ | h. hot _____ |

2 Complete the sentences with the superlatives from Activity 1.

- a. It was _____ exam this month!
- b. Sonora is one of _____ states of Mexico.
- c. The River Nile is _____ river in the world.
- d. My sister is 14 and my brother is 17. I'm 11 so I'm _____ of the three.
- e. I'm going to Europe! This is _____ day of my life!
- f. Your grandpa is older than mine, but Tim's grandpa is the _____. He's 98!
- g. Miss Sandler is _____ teacher of the school. She's so cool!
- h. I'm _____ boy in class. All my classmates are taller than me.

Superlative adjectives

For adjectives of one syllable we add the word *the*, and *-est* to the adjective. If an adjective ends in *-y*, we change it to *i* and add *-est*.

My house is the smallest on my street.

English is the easiest subject in school.

For most other adjectives of two syllables, and for all adjectives of three syllables or more, we add the word *the* and the word *most* and then the adjective.

Romantic stories are the most boring.

Suspense stories are the most fascinating.

For the adjectives *good* and *bad* we use *the best* and *the worst* respectively.

Carmilla is the best story.

The "Valley of Spiders" is the worst story.

Task 1: Underline the correct option.

1. Dracula is *the smartest* / *the most smart* vampire.
2. *Carmilla* is *the most bad* / *the worst* vampire story.
3. Ghost stories are *the best* / *the most good* suspense stories.
4. Spiders are *the most ugly* / *the ugliest* creatures.

Task 2: Use the adjectives in parenthesis to complete the sentences.

1. Who is the _____ (tall) student in your class?
2. My dad is the _____ (good) cook in the world.
3. January is the _____ (warm) month of the year in my country.
4. What's the _____ (intelligent) animal in the world?
5. Lucy is the _____ (happy) girl that I know.
6. Who is the _____ (famous) singer in your country?